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CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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SPOILAGE OF FOODGRAINS DUE TO HEAVY RAIN
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the different foodgrains stored in the godowns of Food Corporation of India (FCI) and Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) in Maharashtra and Gujarat;

(b) the quantum of foodgrains out of these spoilt due to recent heavy rains and floods in Gujarat and Maharashtra;

(c) whether the Government is working on any plan to safeguard against such losses in future;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which such a plan is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): The details of foodgrains stored in the godowns of FCI, CWC and SWC in Maharashtra and Gujarat (as on 1st and 7th August, 2005 respectively) are as follows:-

In MTs

	Maharashtra	Gujarat
FCI	4,40,608	3,40,793
CWC	64,652	17,235
SWC	85,319	2,562
Total	5,90,579	3,60,590

(b): In Maharashtra a quantity of 14,355 MTs of foodgrains and in Gujarat a quantity of 1,275 MTs of foodgrains got affected due to the recent heavy rains and floods.

(c), (d) & (e): Government is already taking all necessary precautions for proper storage of foodgrains so as to minimise chances of damages due to natural calamities.